

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS OF TREATING AND
MONITORING SYSTEMIC LUPUS
ERYTHEMATOSUS IN INDIVIDUALS

Examiner: F. Sajjadi

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 26, 2007 (Paper No. 20070212), for which a response was due on May 26, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to Sunday, August 26, 2007. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.7(a), when a filing deadline in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday in the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding day, which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal Holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.